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TOPIC Brandis Airfield

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1. Air activity observed at Brandis airfield from 22 March through 3 April 1953 included:

22 March. No aircraft or air activity were observed at Brandis airfield. Firing practices were held at the target range between 22 March and 1 April.

28 and 31 March. The field was repeatedly crossed by MiG-15s.

1 April. Prior to 10:30 a.m., 32 Il-10s, 1 Po-2 and 1 Li-2 25X1 landed at the field. The latter plane took off several times. The Il-10s were painted white and had red, grey and yellow propeller hubs; all of them refuelled after landing.

2 April. At 7:15 and 8:15 a.m., 2 Il-10s and 24 Il-10s respectively took off. Weather was 7/10 overcast. At 9:15 a.m., the planes land again in flights of varying strength. Local training flights and dives were made from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

3 April. No air activity was observed. Weather was 8/10 overcast.

2. At 11 a.m. on 26 March, nine railroad tank cars arrived at the field and were unloaded there. On 27 March, they left the field again. 25X1C and trucks 25X1C were seen at the installation.

3. No air activity was observed at the field in late March. About 10 a.m. on 1 April, a formation of 25 aircraft approached the field and landed there until 10:30 a.m.

1. Comment. The ground attack regiment stationed at Brandis airfield had moved to some other installation from mid-March until 1 April 1953. Several reliable ground sources observed aircraft of the regiment at Jueterbog-Altes Lager airfield. No information is available as to the exercises conducted from the latter installation. The numbers of planes observed returning to Brandis on 1 April is below the aircraft strength of the ground attack regiment concerned, which is believed to be equipped with 50 Il-10s.

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